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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Examiner:

Sharon L. Turner, Ph.D.

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Art Unit:

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Application No.: 09/183,972

Filed: October 29, 1998

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For: THERAPEUTICS AND DIAGNOSTICS FOR OCULAR

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ABNORMALITIES

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116

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Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed May 15, 2001 in the aboveidentified application, please consider and enter the following amendments and remarks. Applicants submit that the subject application as amended herewith is in condition for allowance.

A petition for extension of time is being submitted as a separate document. A precautionary notice of appeal is also enclosed.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 2, and add new claims 46-52 as follows. A marked-up version of all pending claims is shown in the attached Appendix.